



Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) State Fiscal Year 2027 Awards Summary

The Department for Children and Families Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) has awarded approximately \$48.4 million in federal¹ and state funding in State Fiscal Year 2027 under the Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) to 43 non-profit organizations across Vermont.

The Housing Opportunity Grant Program provides funding to operate emergency overnight shelter; provide essential services to shelter guests; provide transitional housing where appropriate; rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; prevent individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis from becoming homeless; implement coordinated entry to streamline client access to resources; provide flexible financial assistance directly to households; support Landlord Liaisons' work with property owners to create housing opportunities; administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); administer HOP funds to DV/SV providers around the state; and provide and technical assistance to the network of HOP providers.

In State Fiscal Year 2027, approximately \$6 million in additional base funding was appropriated to the Housing Opportunity Grant Program to support emergency shelter expansion. OEO has also been able to access one-time funding to support further shelter expansion. These shelter expansion funds have been awarded to 13 organizations, in some cases to continue shelter projects started in State Fiscal Year 2026 with one-time funding. A detailed comparison of shelter capacity (by household) in SFY23-SFY27 can be found in Appendix A, along with information about the shelter capacity that has been preserved or expanded with funds awarded from the additional HOP appropriation and one-time funding.

The Housing Opportunity Grant Program operates within the [Home Together, Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) and the *Vermont Plan to End Homelessness*. The primary goals of the Housing Opportunity Grant Program remain to:

- Decrease the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness;
- Shorten the length of time people experience homelessness;
- Reduce the number of individuals and families returning to homelessness; and
- Prevent people from becoming homeless.

¹ A portion of federal funds are from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). The [Vermont Consolidated Plan](#) outlines the activities and objectives for use of ESG funds. The rest of the federal funds are from the HUD Continuum of Care Grant Program and awarded under a separate subrecipient grant agreement, although included in the HOP Award Summary.

A guiding principle of the Housing Opportunity Grant Program is to tie homeless assistance activities to permanent housing through systems, practices, and initiatives that are informed by data and proven approaches. While the program will continue to address the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters, the focus is to assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.²

OEO works in close partnership with the [Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care](#) and the [Chittenden County Homeless Alliance](#) to ensure that state and federal resources are targeted to have the strongest collective impact. The organizations receiving awards work as part of their local housing coalition (formerly called local homeless continuum of care) to coordinate services and housing for Vermonters experiencing homelessness in their community. The HOP Awards Summary is organized to reflect these local Housing Coalitions. For more information about Vermont's local Housing Coalitions visit: [Local Housing Coalitions](#).

Housing Opportunity Grant Program funding is awarded to support one or more strategies:

- Emergency Shelter: Operations and/or Essential Services (including Emergency Apartments and Motel Pool), [Opioid Settlement Funding](#) Activities
- Homelessness Prevention: Services
- Rapid Re-housing: Services, Rental Assistance
- Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance
- [Coordinated Entry](#): Assessment & Housing Navigation Services
- Landlord Liaison: Services
- Transitional Housing: Operations and/or Essential Services where shown to be the most effective strategy
- [Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\)](#)³
- Statewide DV/SV Funding Administration
- Statewide Training & Technical Assistance

Grantees are allowed to support administration through either a federally approved or 15% *de minimis* indirect rate.

Eligibility for services and assistance is determined by an individual or family's housing status. In general, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing and transitional housing projects serve those who meet the Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) and U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) definition of homelessness⁴. Homelessness prevention services are available to those who meet the AHS and HUD definition of "at risk of homelessness".⁵ Coordinated Entry services and Flexible Client-based Financial Assistance are available to households meeting either the definition of homelessness or the definition of at risk of homelessness.

² [ESG Program Interim Rule](#)

³ In the case of programs serving victims of domestic or sexual violence, funds support participation in a comparable separate system.

⁴ [Criteria and Recordkeeping Requirements for Defining Homeless](#)

⁵ [Criteria for Defining At Risk of Homelessness](#)

This year, 20 organizations received funding to support Coordinated Entry services to help connect people quickly to needed homeless assistance. Support for Coordinated Entry is funded in part through a HUD Continuum of Care grant. Coordinated Entry funds also support Housing Navigation Services to support households experiencing or at risk of homelessness with housing search, housing stabilization, and placement services.

Organizations that received funding to provide Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing services provide the following to help households relocate or stabilize in housing:

- Housing Search and Placement, including work with nonprofit and private landlords
- Housing Stability Case Management, including follow-up and connection with post-lease supportive services
- Landlord-Tenant Mediation
- Follow-up or Supportive Services to Help Maintain Housing
- Money Management/Credit Repair
- Tenant Education

Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance provides up to 24 months of tenant-based rental assistance.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance is designed to support client-centered problem solving and individual housing stability planning. Financial Assistance includes the following:

- Security deposits, including last month's rent
- Rental arrears, up to 3 months
- Short-term rental assistance, up to 3 months
- Utility deposits
- Program fees for recovery housing or other non-traditional housing
- Transportation costs to live with family or friends

Landlord Liaison Projects have a dedicated staff person who works with property owners and managers to create housing opportunities for people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Core components of a Landlord Liaison project include property owner outreach & engagement, property owner education, information sharing about conflict resolution or mediation services, and support to ensure strong relationships.

Two new project types were funded in SFY26 and renewed in SFY27:

- Statewide DV/SV Funding Administration: administering and overseeing funding to a network of victim service providers around the state.
- Statewide Training & Technical Assistance: providing training and technical assistance to the network of Housing Opportunity Grant Program grantees on a variety of topics which may include equal access, affirmative outreach, reasonable accommodations, harm reduction, trauma-informed care, housing first, de-escalation, shelter safety, capacity building within local housing coalitions, working with DV/SV survivors.

Addison County Housing Coalition

Atria Collective

\$155,528⁶

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Addison County, anticipated to open mid-year, with a capacity of up to 4 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (0.79 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Middlebury AHS district.

*New project.

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)

\$142,452

Strategies: Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Support for 1.25 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Charter House Coalition

\$922,369

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Operation of the year-round Charter House emergency shelter in Middlebury with a capacity of 27 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (4.8 FTE) and essential services case management (1.35 FTE).

Operation of the year-round North Star emergency shelter in Middlebury with a capacity of 12 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (2.5 FTE) and essential services case management (0.4 FTE).

Support for 1.25 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

*New funding to support expanded shelter with the opening of North Star.

HOPE

\$297,633

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Support for 0.91 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as housing retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$217,693 (*includes \$129,650 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

John Graham Housing & Services

\$712,586

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Operation of the year-round John Graham Shelter in Vergennes with a capacity of 36 beds for adult individuals and families with children, including support for shelter staff (4.14 FTE) and essential services case management (1.39 FTE).

Support for 1.31 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

⁶ Funding is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Bennington Housing Solutions Team

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless

\$1,042,332

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Operation of the year-round 966 Main emergency shelter in Bennington with a capacity of 16 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (6.5 FTE) and essential services case management (1.25 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Norton House emergency shelter in Bennington with a capacity of 9 units for families with children, including support for shelter staff (0.5 FTE) and essential services case management (1.25 FTE).

Support for 3.5 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

\$694,794

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Support for 3.6 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$293,719 (*includes \$174,928 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)

\$200,752⁷

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Opioid Settlement Funding, Coordinated Entry Assessment

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Bennington County with a capacity of 6 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (1 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Bennington AHS district.

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$5,000) to support training and professional development opportunities for staff.

HUD CoC funding: 0.34 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

⁷ All funding except for HUD CoC funding (\$29,765) is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Caledonia & Southern Essex and Orleans & Northern Essex Housing Coalitions

Joshua House Warming Shelter *(one-time funds)*

\$262,422⁸

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a seasonal emergency shelter in Newport with a capacity of 10 beds for adult individuals from November 2026 - April 2027, including support for shelter staff (6.25 FTE).

*New project.

Northeast Kingdom Community Action

\$2,051,525

Strategies: Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Rapid Re-Housing Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of 5 emergency shelter apartments in the St. Johnsbury district and 5 emergency shelter apartments in the Newport district for adult individuals and families with children, including support for essential services case management (1.14 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Shelter at Moose River in St. Johnsbury with a capacity of 20 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (8.4 FTE) and essential services case management (2.15 FTE).

Operation of an emergency shelter in St. Johnsbury with a capacity of 4 rooms for adult individuals, including support for essential services case management (0.65 FTE).

Support for 2.94 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as housing retention services to those experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$177,788 *(includes \$105,884 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026)*

HUD CoC funding: 2.05 FTE (1.025 FTE per district) in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness *(separate grant agreement)*

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

\$48,461

Strategies: Transitional Housing Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Operation of 1 transitional housing unit in St. Johnsbury with 2 bedrooms for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (0.33 FTE).

Support for 0.33 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to youth and young adults experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

RuralEdge Housing & Community Development

\$166,504

Strategy: Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance

Administration of medium-term Rapid Re-Housing rental assistance for households exiting homelessness (0.1 FTE).

Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance: \$151,020

⁸ Funding is provided as a subgrant through S&D Accounting Services, which is operating as Joshua House Warming Shelter's fiscal agent.

Umbrella**\$291,966⁹**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Coordinated Entry Assessment

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Caledonia County with a capacity of 9 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence.

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Orleans County with a capacity of 2 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence.

Support for essential services case management at both shelters (1.13 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Newport and St. Johnsbury AHS districts.

HUD CoC funding: 0.92 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

⁹ All funding except for HUD CoC funding (\$70,903) is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Chittenden County Homeless Alliance

Ascend Housing Allies

\$78,061

Strategy: Rapid Re-Housing Retention

Support for 0.75 FTE in staff capacity providing housing retention services to those moving into housing from homelessness.

Burlington Housing Authority

\$250,813

Strategy: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Support for 2 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as housing retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)

\$5,916,445

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of the year-round Champlain Place emergency shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 42 beds for adult individuals (with an additional 26 beds made available during the cold weather season), including support for shelter staff (12.4 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Foundations Family Shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 9 rooms for families with children, including support for shelter staff (9.2 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Bridges Recovery Shelter in Burlington¹⁰ with a capacity of 12 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (4.2 FTE) and essential services case management (1 FTE).

Support for 6.25 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness, as well as housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$36,000) to install overdose prevention sensors at Champlain Place and Bridges Recovery Shelter and for training and professional development opportunities for staff.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$1,002,096 (*includes \$596,812 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

Champlain Housing Trust

\$1,360,387

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of the year-round Elmwood Community Shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 30 rooms for adult individuals, including shelter staffing (4.05 FTE) and a subgrant with CVOEO for essential services case management staffing (2 FTE).

¹⁰ This project is collaboratively funded by DCF-OEO and VDH; it is a recovery-oriented emergency shelter project.

Community Health Centers of Burlington**\$262,240**

Strategies: Opioid Settlement Funding

Opioid Settlement Funding to provide medical and nursing staff (1.43 FTE) on-site at HOP-funded emergency shelters throughout Chittenden County and to purchase harm reduction and medical supplies.

COTS**\$1,937,334**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations, Opioid Settlement Funding, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Operation of the year-round Waystation emergency shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 56 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (6.2 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Main Street Family Shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 10 rooms for families with children, including support for shelter staff (4.2 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Firehouse Family Shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 5 rooms for families with children, including support for shelter staff (1.9 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Daystation day shelter in Burlington, including support for shelter staff (5.15 FTE).

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$136,333) to support guests at the Waystation and Daystation with on-site recovery meetings, recovery coaching sessions, skill-building and relapse prevention workshops, and treatment navigation services. Funds will also be used for training and professional development opportunities for staff, as well as minor facility modifications.

Support for 4.13 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Pathways Vermont**\$72,863**

Strategy: Rapid Re-Housing Housing Navigation & Retention

Support for 0.84 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those experiencing homelessness.

Spectrum Youth & Family Services**\$996,316**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Rapid Re-Housing Retention

Operation of the year-round The Landing emergency shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 8 beds for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (2.88 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Nightly Shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 10 beds for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (3.8 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Drop-in Center day shelter in Burlington, including support for essential services case management (1.2 FTE).

Support for 2.88 FTE in staff capacity providing housing retention services to those moving into housing from homelessness.

Subgrant to the Champlain Valley School District to support 0.5 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Steps to End Domestic Violence**\$2,119,387¹¹**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Rapid Re-housing Retention

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Chittenden County with a capacity of 21 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for shelter staff (3.63 FTE) and essential services case management (2.9 FTE).

Support for 2.61 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as assessment services to those experiencing homelessness.

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Burlington AHS district.

¹¹ Funding is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Franklin & Grand Isle Housing Coalition

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) \$1,462,694

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of the year-round Samaritan House emergency shelter in St. Albans with a capacity of 20 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (4 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$6,000) to install overdose prevention sensors and for training and professional development opportunities for staff.

Support for 1.25 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$397,383 (*includes \$236,667 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

HUD CoC funding: 1 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

Spectrum Youth & Family Services \$448,765

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of the year-round St. Albans Emergency Shelter with a capacity of 8 beds for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (5.35 FTE).

Voices Against Violence (operated by CVOEO) \$507,130¹²

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Operation of two year-round emergency shelters in Franklin County with a total capacity of 12 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (2.1 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the St. Albans AHS district.

HUD CoC funding: 0.5 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

¹² All funding except for HUD CoC funding (\$46,453) is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Housing Coalition of Southeastern Vermont (Brattleboro Area Housing Coalition)

Groundworks Collaborative

\$2,821,071

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding, Coordinated Entry Assessment

Operation of the year-round Drop-in Center Overnight Shelter in Brattleboro with a capacity of 40 beds for adult individuals from July 2026 - September 2026 and 34 beds from October 2026 – June 2027, including support for shelter staff (16.39 FTE July-September, 14.02 FTE October-June) and essential services case management (2.58 FTE July-September, 1.54 FTE October-June).

Operation of the year-round Hope's House emergency shelter in Brattleboro, anticipated to open in October 2026, with a capacity of 40 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (14.82 FTE) and essential services case management (1.54 FTE).

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$3,910) to support training and professional development opportunities for staff.

Support for 0.13 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

HUD CoC funding: 0.852 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

*New funding to support expanded shelter with the opening of Hope's House.

Interaction: Youth Services & Restorative Justice

\$161,100

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of 2 emergency shelter units in Windham County with 6 bedrooms total for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for shelter staff (0.1 FTE) and essential services case management (0.99 FTE).

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

\$459,331

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Support for 2 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$221,532 (*includes \$131,937 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

Women's Freedom Center

\$325,936¹³

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations, Motel Pool

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Windham County with a capacity of 12 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for shelter staff (2.25 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Brattleboro AHS district.

¹³ Funding is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Lamoille Valley Housing & Homelessness Coalition

Capstone Community Action

\$418,389

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Support for 1.65 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as housing retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$144,552 (*includes \$86,090 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

HUD CoC funding: 0.8 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

Clarina Howard Nichols Center

\$181,874¹⁴

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Coordinated Entry Assessment

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Lamoille County with a capacity of 7 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (1 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Morrisville AHS district.

HUD CoC funding: 0.36 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

Lamoille Community House

\$1,061,117

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Emergency Apartment Operations, Opioid Settlement Funding

Operation of the year-round Lamoille Community House Emergency Shelter in Hyde Park with a capacity of 21 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (8.51 FTE) and essential services case management (1 FTE).

Operation of 3 emergency shelter apartments in Lamoille County for families with children. Opioid Settlement Funding (\$5,684) to support guests at Lamoille Community House Emergency Shelter with getting to substance use treatment and/or medical appointments and for training and professional development opportunities for staff.

¹⁴ All funding except for HUD CoC funding (\$30,609) is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Rutland County Housing Coalition

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont **\$2,358,651**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Homeless Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation
Operation of the year-round BROC Community Action Shelter in Rutland with a capacity of 10 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (7.5 FTE) and essential services case management (1.5 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Loretto Home emergency shelter in Rutland, anticipated to open mid-year, with a capacity of 16 rooms for families with children, including support for shelter staff (11 FTE) and essential services case management (1.5 FTE) (*\$1,137,052 in one-time funds*).

Support for 0.8 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as housing retention services to households at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Support for 1 FTE in staff capacity providing motel-based essential services until November.

*New funding to support expanded shelter with the opening of Loretto Home.

Homeless Prevention Center **\$1,220,970**

Strategies: Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance, Rapid Re-Housing Housing Navigation & Retention, Landlord Liaison, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance
Operation of 10 emergency shelter apartments in Rutland County for adult individuals and families with children, including support for shelter staff (0.38 FTE) and essential services case management (0.84 FTE).

Support for 2.27 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment, housing navigation, and retention services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Support for 1.33 FTE in staff capacity providing landlord outreach and housing placement support.

Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance: \$68,533

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$397,388 (*includes \$236,670 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

HUD CoC funding: 0.93 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

Life Intervention Team (*one-time funds*) **\$766,398**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of a seasonal emergency shelter in Rutland with a capacity of 30 beds for adult individuals from November 2026 - April 2027, including support for shelter staff (7 FTE) and essential services case management (1 FTE).

*New project.

NewStory Center**\$392,494¹⁵**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Rapid Re-Housing Housing Navigation & Retention

Operation of three year-round emergency shelters in Rutland County with a combined capacity of 16 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for shelter staff (1.78 FTE) and essential services case management (0.68 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Rutland AHS district.

Support for 0.12 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those experiencing homelessness.

¹⁵ Funding is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Springfield (SDO) Housing Coalition

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

\$85,021

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Support for 0.75 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Springfield Supported Housing Program

\$936,077

Strategies: Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of 16 emergency shelter apartments in the Springfield District for adult individuals and families with children, including support for shelter staff (0.5 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Support for 4 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$159,645 (*includes \$95,079 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

*New funding to support expanded shelter with the opening of 3 additional units.

Windsor County Youth Services

\$7,500

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Proctorsville with a capacity of 2 beds (out of 16 total) for unaccompanied youth and young adults.

Women's Freedom Center

\$140,443¹⁶

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations, Motel Pool

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Windsor County with a capacity of 3 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for shelter staff (1.13 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Springfield AHS district.

¹⁶ Funding is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Upper Valley Coalition for Housing Solutions

Capstone Community Action

\$126,100

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Support for 1.2 FTE (0.6 FTE in Bradford & 0.6 FTE in Randolph) in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

\$56,680

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Support for 0.5 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Upper Valley Haven

\$1,709,730

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of the year-round Hixon House emergency shelter in White River Junction with a capacity of 20 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (2.2 FTE) and essential services case management (1 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Byrne Family Shelter in White River Junction with a capacity of 8 rooms for families with children, including support for shelter staff (2.2 FTE) and essential services case management (1 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Leahy Shelter & Resource Center, anticipated to open in October 2026, with a capacity of 20 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (8.48 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Support for 1 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$207,322 (*includes \$123,474 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

HUD CoC funding: 0.86 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

*New funding to support expanded shelter with the opening of Leahy Shelter & Resource Center.

Women's Freedom Center

\$228,016¹⁷

Strategies: Motel Pool

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Hartford AHS district.

*New project.

¹⁷ Funding is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Washington County Housing Coalition

Capstone Community Action

\$1,773,102

Strategies: Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of 15 emergency shelter apartments in Washington County for families with children, including support for essential services case management (2.25 FTE).

Operation of the Montpelier Winter Overflow shelter from November 2026-April 2027, with a capacity of 20 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (9.91 FTE) and essential services case management (.25 FTE) (*\$657,562 in one-time funds*).

Support for 2.65 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services for those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$161,153

HUD CoC funding: 1 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

*New funding to support expanded seasonal shelter capacity.

Circle

\$54,921¹⁸

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Washington County with a capacity of 6 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (0.5 FTE).

Elevate Youth Services

\$649,031

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of the year-round HOP House Emergency Shelter in Plainfield with a capacity of 16 rooms for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (4.81 FTE).

¹⁸ Funding is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Good Samaritan Haven**\$3,417,061**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding
Operation of the year-round 105 N. Seminary Street Shelter in Barre City with a capacity of 17 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (9.2 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Recovery Oriented Shelter in Barre Town¹⁹ with a capacity of 13 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (4.4 FTE).

Operation of the year-round The Welcome Center emergency shelter in Berlin with a capacity of 31 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (9.2 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Turret House Shelter in Montpelier with a capacity of 18 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (9.2 FTE).

Support for 4.4 FTE in staff capacity providing essential services case management to guests at all four shelters.

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$89,033) to support guests at all four emergency shelters with getting to substance use treatment and/or medical appointments, purchasing harm reduction supplies, and for training and professional development opportunities for staff.

Lamoille Community House**\$873,345**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding
Operation of the year-round Waterbury Family Shelter emergency shelter with a capacity of 10 rooms for families with children, including support for shelter staff (8.46 FTE) and essential services case management (1 FTE).

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$288) for training and professional development opportunities for staff.

Mosaic**\$136,600²⁰**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Essential Services, Motel Pool

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Barre AHS district, including support for essential services case management (0.75 FTE).

*New project.

¹⁹ This project is collaboratively funded by DCF-OEO and VDH; it is a recovery-oriented emergency shelter project.

²⁰ Funding is provided as a subgrant through VNADSV.

Statewide or Multiple Regions

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) \$51,649

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention

RentRight, an education program combining tenant information, financial capability and housing assistance, including program staff (.05 FTE).

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) *21

Strategies: Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance

Administration of the HOME Family Housing Voucher project, a statewide Rapid Re-Housing project serving at least 200 households with children.

Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance: \$4,017,535

Housing and Homelessness Alliance of Vermont (HHAV) \$65,312

Strategy: Statewide Training & Technical Assistance

Training and technical assistance to the statewide network of Housing Opportunity Grant Program grantees, as well as to Local Housing Coalitions across the Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care.

Institute for Community Alliances \$311,960

Strategy: HMIS

HMIS system operation, administration, data entry, and oversight, plus licensing fees for HOP grantees

Vermont Housing & Conservation Board \$3,400,000

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Development

Funding to support expedited development of shelter capacity through technical assistance, project feasibility subgrants, and project capital subgrants (*includes \$3,000,000 in one-time funds*).

Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence \$821,047

Strategies: HMIS, Opioid Settlement Funding, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance, Statewide DV/SV Funding Administration, Statewide Training & Technical Assistance

HMIS-comparable system operation for victim service providers, including licensing fees.

Training and technical assistance to the network of Housing Opportunity Grant Program grantees.

Oversight of funding administration to a network of victim service providers around the state.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$301,810 (*includes \$179,747 in one-time funds awarded in September 2026*)

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$3,335) to provide harm reduction training to emergency shelter staff within the network of victim service providers.

Vermont State Housing Authority \$20,000

AHS Housing Inspections

²¹ Supported by \$4,703,182 in one-time funding provided in previous fiscal years. No additional funds awarded in SFY27.

Housing Opportunity Grant Program: Program Performance Measurement

Grantee's individual performance measures will be structured around one or more of the following indicators:

1) Preventing Homelessness

- The number of households at risk of homelessness assisted
- The percentage whose housing is stabilized (target 70%)
- The average length of time from project entry until housing was stabilized
- The percentage of stabilized households who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)

2) Providing Access to Emergency Shelter

- The number of nights that the emergency shelter is staffed, insured, and available for guests

3) Connecting Households with Essential Services

- The percentage of households in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or publicly-funded motels who meet with a case manager or equivalent within 5 days of referral (target 90%)

4) Increasing Income and Access to Mainstream Benefits for Households

- The number of households accessing shelter in need of a referral to case management, who are successfully connected to a case manager
- The number of households who need support attaining employment or enrolling in an educational/training program, or qualifying for benefits (e.g. Reach Up, SSI, General Assistance, VA, 3SquaresVT, etc.) who subsequently secure them within 90 days (target 70%)
- The percentage of households who subsequently are stabilized in transitional or permanent housing (target: 70%)
- The percentage of households who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)

5) Rapidly Re-Housing Households / Retention of Housing

- **For Emergency Shelter:** The percentage of households exiting shelter to stable permanent or transitional housing; the average length of stay
- **For Transitional Housing:** The percentage of households exiting the project to permanent housing (target 70%); the percentage who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)
- **For Rapid Re-Housing:** The percentage of households enrolled who are in stable permanent housing; the average length of time from project entry until housing was stabilized; the percentage who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)
- **For Coordinated Entry:** The number of households re-housed in stable housing (target 70%); the average length of time from project entry until housing was stabilized
- **For Financial Assistance:** The number of households assisted; the percentage of households who exited to safe housing
- **For Youth Programs:** The percentage of youth exiting the project who have “safe exits” as defined by one of the following categories: Foster Care, Staying with Friends, Staying with Family, Independent Living, Educational Setting, Residential Project, Transitional Housing, or Medical/Psychiatric/Substance Use Disorder Treatment Setting (target 70%); the percentage of youth with a safe exit who continue to remain stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)

6) For Landlord Liaison Projects:

- The number of property owners contacted
- The number of property owners who have signed an MOU or collaboration agreement
- The number of unique contacts with existing property owners (email, phone, face-to-face)
- The number of events/trainings offered to property owners
- Annual property owner survey results

Performance measures for Opioid Settlement Funding, HMIS, DV/SV Administration, Training/Technical Assistance, and Emergency Shelter Development are established with grantees on an individualized basis.

System Performance Measurement

A critical aspect of achieving HOP objectives is a focus on viewing the local homeless response as a coordinated system of homeless assistance options rather than separate programs and funding sources that operate independently in a community. In alignment with unfolding federal and State expectations, the Office of Economic Opportunity is committed to working in partnership with the Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care and the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance to measure performance as a coordinated system. These include measures such as:

- The length of time households remain homeless
- The extent to which households who leave homelessness experience additional episodes of homelessness
- The thoroughness of grantees in reaching households experiencing homelessness
- The overall reduction in the number of households experiencing homelessness
- Jobs and income growth for households experiencing homelessness
- Success at reducing the number of households who become homeless
- Successful housing placement to or retention in a permanent housing destination

To view data on system performance measures, visit: [System Performance Measures Dashboard — Institute for Community Alliances](#)

Appendix A
Shelter Household Capacity Funded by HOP
(as of September 2026)

Year-Round:

County	SFY23 Capacity	SFY24 Capacity	SFY25 Capacity	SFY26 Capacity	SFY27 Capacity	Capacity Preserved & Created with Increased SFY27 Funding
Addison	63	62	62	62	78 ²²	16
Bennington	30	30	31	31	31	0
Caledonia	11	35	35	36	38	2
Chittenden	180	155	169	202	203	21
Franklin	25	21	40	40	40	0
Lamoille	7	28	28	31	31	0
Orleans	7	7	7	7	7	0
Rutland	13	18	25	37	51 ²³	26
Washington	70	80	94	116	126	10
Windham	73	70	68	50	92 ²⁴	41
Windsor	27	36	43	46	69 ²⁵	23
Total	506	542	602	658	766	139

²² Includes Atria Collective's 4-room shelter projected to open mid-SFY27.

²³ Includes BROCC's 16-room shelter projected to open in early 2027 and HPC's additional emergency apartment projected to come online in quarter 2.

²⁴ Includes Groundworks Collaborative's 40-bed shelter projected to open in October 2026 and Interaction's additional room projected to come online in quarter 2.

²⁵ Includes Upper Valley Haven's 20-bed shelter projected to open in October 2026.

Seasonal:

County	SFY23 Capacity	SFY24 Capacity	SFY25 Capacity	SFY26 Capacity	SFY27 Capacity	Capacity Preserved & Created with Increased SFY27 Funding
Addison	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bennington	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chittenden	10	30	60	26	26	0
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamoille	12	0	0	0	0	0
Orleans	0	0	0	0	10 ²⁶	10
Rutland	0	0	0	0	30 ²⁷	30
Washington	10	15	20	25	20 ²⁸	20
Windham	0	0	0	6	6 ²⁹	0
Windsor	0	0	5	4	0	0
Total	32	45	85	61	92	60

²⁶ Joshua House Warming Shelter projected to open in November 2026.

²⁷ Life Intervention Team's shelter projected to open in November 2026.

²⁸ Capstone Community Action's shelter projected to open in November 2026.

²⁹ Groundworks Collaborative's 6-bed expansion at the Drop-in Center Shelter, operating through September 2026.